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In re Application of :
Kalman Strobel *et al* : DECISION ON PETITION
Application No. 10/314,211 :
Filed: December 9, 2002 :
Attorney Docket No. STROBEL CROSS-SECTION

This is a decision on the petition to make special that was filed concurrently with the application and that was recently brought to the attention of the undersigned. The \$130.00 petition fee has been paid.

The petition is granted.

Petitioners have requested special status based upon the practice established at MPEP § 708.02(I), Manufacture. A review of the petition shows that all of the elements required to establish entitlement to special status on that basis have been satisfied.

Accordingly, the examiner will treat this application as special throughout its prosecution. Prior to the first action on the merits, the examiner will conduct a rigorous search for potentially interfering applications. The interference search will be brought up to date prior to each successive action.

The application is being forwarded to the Supervisory Patent Examiner of Patent Examining Art Unit 3725, who will forward the application to the examiner for action consistent with this Decision.

PETITION GRANTED.

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